

**Commissioners Meeting**  
**March 16, 2021**

**Present:** Jim Seiler, Tom Brown, Heather Gries, Deputy Auditor Melissa L. Bunner

Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 2:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Seiler made a motion to approve minutes for March 2, 2021. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Claims**

Gries made a motion to approve claim numbers 4584, 4585, and 4589. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Health Department / Kim Hay**

No report.

**VSO / Butch Meredith**

For week of February 22, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 75 and total phone calls totaled 118. For week of March 1, 2021 the total Veterans assisted this week was 65 and total phone calls totaled 127.

Meredith updated and presented the Safety Manual draft for the Courthouse. It includes the Safety Manual, the Courthouse Bomb Threat Procedure, the Spencer County Courthouse Fire Evacuation Plan, and the Elevator Safety Plan. These have been updated since the last meeting. Meredith is asking for the Commissioners to review and to let him know if there are any changes that need to be made before moving forward with a final draft.

Meredith provided a spreadsheet for FY19 Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures (GDX). This report runs two (2) years behind and this is the most current.

**Hwy Report / Dale Kenney**

No report.

Laura Phillippe from the Lockmueller Group came and introduced herself. She is new to the Lockmueller Group but has fourteen (14) years of experience with INDOT. She left her contact information.

**Indiana Regional 15 / Luke Thomas**

Thomas updated the Commissioners on the EDA waiver request. As of this morning, there is no answer yet. He will keep us updated.

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission has partnered with Rundell Ernstberger Associates (REA) and AECOM to create a region-wide economic recovery and resiliency plan. As part of the data collection effort, Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission is looking to utilize the county's GIS data. Thomas is asking for approval to enable Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission to extract and utilize the data maintained by WTH GIS and to sign a GIS limited Use Agreement. Seiler motioned to approve this request. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mary E. Austin from Clark Dietz discussed the status of the 200 N project. Unfortunately, at this time, she cannot talk numbers or contract negotiations until the decision is made from EDA in regard to the waiver. The only thing that can be done right now is to find out the scope of the work we are requesting and then when the waiver is done, she can have the numbers ready. Brown suggested we wait until Regional 15 gets an answer on the waiver. If they do not get it, they will have to resubmit. After that process is done, then we can all come together and discuss the scope of the project. Austin agreed.

**LEDC / Valerie Schmidt**

Schmidt provided copies of the LEDC Strategic Plan and the Proposal to Complete the Spencer County Comprehensive Plan.

Wayne Blake came to represent the Redevelopment Commission and John Bowen came to represent the Port Authority. They are here to advocate for a prompt completion of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commissioners are requesting a copy of the Comprehensive Plan that has been prepared by the Planning Commission. It is completed but needs to have public meetings to finalize.

Brown made a motion to table this for now and address at a future meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Legal Report**

Lindsey brought two (2) Ordinances as a follow up from the last meeting on March 2, 2021.

The first one is Ordinance 2021-04. This is an Ordinance Closing County Road 1275 East. Gries motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-04. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved. This was adopted at first reading because the decision was unanimous.

The second one is Ordinance 2021-05. This is an Ordinance Closing Part of Long Johnnytown Road. Gries motioned to approve Ordinance 2021-04. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved. This was adopted at first reading because the decision was unanimous.

Lindsey presented Resolution 2021-01. This is a Resolution Modifying Emergency Proclamations From 2020. This Resolution outlines the protocols of re-opening the Courthouse to the public. This Resolution is retro-active back to March 8, 2021. Gries motioned to approve Resolution 2021-01. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved. This was adopted at first reading because the decision was unanimous.

Lindsey presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Spencer County Commissioners and the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local Union No. 215 who is the bargaining agent for all employees of Spencer County Sheriff's Department Jailers and Dispatchers. The following are the primary changes to the contract: Hourly rates, all 911 Directors and IDEX Coordinators will not have to have a mandatory minimum 8 hours of dispatching a month, and after the Spencer County budgets are approved in 2022 and 2023 the county agrees to add an addendum to the contract stating what the hourly rate is for the classifications. Gries motioned to approve the contract. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

**Old Business**  
Nothing to report.

**New Business**  
Dr. Tretter has submitted his resignation as Health Officer. The Health Board has submitted a request for Dr. Eric Kleeman to be appointed to the Spencer County Health Board effective April 1, 2021. Seiler motioned to approve this appointment. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The County Commissioners can appoint Dr. Kleeman to the Health Board, but it is the decision of the Health Board to appointment Dr. Kleeman as Health Officer.

The Notice to Bidders for the 2021 Spencer County Mowing Contract has been advertised. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. (local time) on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 in the Spencer County Auditor's Office. The Commissioners are being asked to approve the specifications of the contract. Seiler motioned to approve the contract. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Cares Act Reimbursement requests include the following:


DeBra-Kuempel	\$10,928.00	O2 Prime jail install
Health Department	\$ 5,111.94	OT
Health Department	\$ 182.52	Mileage

Seiler motioned to approve all three (3) reimbursement requests. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved.


Verizon \$ 147.08 Phones for contact tracers  
Gries motioned to approve this request. Seiler seconded the motion. Motion approved.

John Wetherill came to the meeting with Joe Wheatley to discuss road 575 W which runs by Joe's house in the Sand Ridge subdivision. This road is a cul-de-sac, and the road needs work. The original design was for the cul-de-sac to be 100 feet in diameter. He is finding this is not enough room for school buses, trash pickup, and a neighbor's horse trailer to turn around. Because of this, the vehicles are driving across the front of his lot causing extensive damage. He is asking for the County to look and see if there is something that can be done to fix it. The Highway Department is aware of the problem. Brown agreed to look into it and see what can be done.

Seiler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gries seconded the motion. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

  
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Auditor, Melissa L. Bunner

  
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